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CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

This Society shall be called and known as "THE SOCIETY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA PIONEERS." It is designed to be, and is, a moral, benevolent, literary, and scientific association, and its objects are : To cultivate social intercourse, form a more perfect union among its members, and create a fund for charitable purposes in their behalf ; to collect and preserve information connected with the early settlement and subsequent history of the country.

To form such libraries and cabinets, and pursue such literary and scientific objects as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine, and in all appropriate matters to advance the interests and perpetuate the memory of those whose sagacity, energy and enterprise, induced them to settle in the wilderness and become the founders of a new colony.

ARTICLE II.

The Society shall be composed of two classes. To the First Class, all who were residents of British Columbia prior to the 31st day of December, 1858, and the male descendants of all such who were members, shall be eligible. To the Second Class, all who were residents of British Columbia prior to the Thirty-first day of December, 1860, and the male descendants of all who were members shall be eligible.

Honorary members may be admitted without these qualifications, in accordance with such provisions as may be made in the By-Laws.

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ARTICLE III.

Any person duly qualified, desirous to become a member of this Society, shall be proposed and balloted for in a manner to be prescribed in the By-Laws, and any person who shall have been once balloted for and rejected, shall not again be proposed for membership within three months from the date of such rejection.

ARTICLE IV.

Each person, on admission, shall pay such fees as shall be prescribed by the By-Laws; and all funds arising therefrom, or from monthly dues, or from donations (unless such donations are given for other specific purposes), shall, after the current expenses of the Society have been paid, be devoted solely to the purposes for which, in Article I., it is declared that this Society is instituted.

ARTICLE V.

The Officers of the Society shall consist of a President, one Vice-President, a Physician, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Board of Directors, to consist of Seven Members, all of whom shall be residents of the City of Victoria.

ARTICLE VI.

Stated Meetings of the Society for the transaction of Business shall be held on the first Wednesday of each month, and at such times as the President shall deem necessary.

The Annual Meeting of the Society for the election of Officers shall be held on the first day of December in each year, except when that date shall happen on Sunday, in which event the Election shall be held on the day following, and at such meeting, the Annual Reports

ARTICLE VII.

The Officers of the Society shall be elected by Ballot, and shall hold office for one year, and until their successors are elected.

ARTICLE VIII.

The Board of Directors shall meet for Business at least once in each month, and a majority of the Board may fill any vacancies which may occur in its own body. The President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be ex-Officio Members of the Board, a majority of whom must be present in order to form a quorum for the transaction of business. The Board of Directors shall enact By-Laws for the government of the Society, which with all other of its proceedings shall be laid before the Society at its first meeting thereafter, and it shall be competent for the Society to alter, amend or reject any such By-Laws by a two-thirds vote when there are not less than twenty members present and not otherwise.

ARTICLE IX.

This Constitution shall not be altered or amended unless by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at a stated meeting, at which time there shall not be less than twenty members present, and all such alterations and amendments shall be proposed at some meeting at least one month prior to such stated meeting, and shall be posted in a conspicuous place in the Reading Room, at least fifteen days prior thereto. But it shall not be in the power of this Society to alter the qualifications for Membership named in Article II, of this Constitution.

ARTICLE X.

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society and of the Board of Directors, and shall determine the Order of Business in each. He shall strictly enforce the

Provisions of the Constitution, By-Laws, and the Standing Rules of Order, and shall see that all Officers and Committees perform their respective duties. He shall sign all Laws, Resolutions, and Orders passed by the Board of Directors. He shall neither make or second any motion, or resolution, nor take part in any debate, while in the Chair. He shall inspect and announce the result of all Ballotings, or other voting by the Society. Any Vice-President in the absence of the President, shall exercise the same power and authority as the President.

ARTICLE XI.

The Physician shall give gratuitously his Professional services to all whom the Board of Directors may deem to be proper subjects, and shall be exempt from Fees and Dues.

ARTICLE XII.

The Secretary shall keep correct Minutes of all the proceedings of the Society and Board of Directors, shall record its By-Laws, Rules and Ordinances, in a book to be kept solely for that purpose; shall preserve a register of the names of the members, and keep a correct account thereof, and shall collect and pay over to the Treasurer all moneys due the Society; he shall be responsible for the safe keeping of all the books and papers belonging to the Society, excepting those of the Treasurer. He shall certify all accounts and records, under the direction of the Board of Directors, and shall countersign all orders on the Treasurer signed by the President. He shall make reports of his accounts at such times as may be required by the Society, shall report the name of each member in arrears to the Society, immediately preceeding the election for Officers; and shall be exempt from all dues and serving on Committees. He shall, whenever directed by the President, give the Members and Board of Direc-

tors, proper notice of all Meetings, and shall perform the duties of Corresponding Secretary. He shall be an ex-Officio Librarian, shall receive and preserve all Books, Maps, Pamphlets, Records, Magazines, &c., which may be purchased for, or donated, or loaned to the Society and be responsible for the same; and shall keep a record of the names of such donors. He shall also perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Board of Directors and shall give such bonds for the faithful performance of his duties as may be ordered by that Board.

ARTICLE XIII.

The Treasurer shall keep a book in which he shall record all receipts and disbursements, and shall report the same annually, or at such periods as the Society may require. He shall pay no monies without an order signed by the President and countersigned by the Secretary. At the expiration of his Term of Office, he shall deliver all books, papers, monies, vouchers, and other property belonging to the Society in his possession, into the hands of his successor, and shall give such bonds for the faithful performance of his duties as may be ordered by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XIV.

The Librarian shall have full charge and control of the Rooms occupied by the Society subject to the direction of the President and Board of Directors, and shall for his services receive such remuneration as may be provided in the By-Laws.

ARTICLE XV.

It shall be the duty of every Member of the Society to use all laudable efforts to collect and procure such records, relics, minerals, curiosities, &c., connected with the early history of the colony, as may be useful and

beneficial to this Association and to forward the same, to gather any information that may be of interest to the Society, to the Secretary at Victoria.

ARTICLE XVI.

The Annual Celebration of this Society shall take place on the 1st day of December, in each year, unless that date shall happen on Sunday, in which event it shall take place the following day.

ARTICLE XVII.

Members guilty of misconduct may, upon conviction (after a proper investigation) be expelled, suspended, fined, or reprimanded by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any stated meeting, provided there be not less than Twenty Members present; and any Officer of the Society may be removed from his office by the Board of Directors, for such cause as, in its opinion may be deemed sufficient, provided that such proceedings shall have no effect until it is confirmed by a two-thirds vote of all the Members (there being not less than twenty) present at a stated meeting.

Adopted April 28th, 1871.

JOHN DICKSON,

President.

EDGAR FAWCETT,

Secretary.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

Each person, on admission as a member of this Society, shall pay into the Treasury the sum of Five Dollars, (\$5) and shall sign the Constitution and By-Laws, with his name in full, together with his place of birth, residence, occupation, and, to the best of his belief, the date of his arrival within the limits of this colony.

ARTICLE II.

Every member of this Society, over the age of Twenty-one (21) years, residing in the city of Victoria and adjoining district, shall pay into the Treasury one dollar per month, quarterly in advance, and every such member residing elsewhere in this colony, shall pay into its Treasury six dollars (\$6) per year in advance. Any member residing in the city of Victoria, who shall neglect to pay such dues, or residing elsewhere in this colony shall neglect for four months (4) to pay such dues, may be stricken from the roll of membership. But any person so stricken from the roll, upon the payment of all arrearages, may by that act be restored.

ARTICLE III.

Any member who shall be in arrears for dues for more than six months (6), shall be ineligible to office, and shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting, or to enjoy the privileges of this Society in any manner.

ARTICLE IV.

On the payment of fifty dollars (\$50) by any member,

he shall be released from all further payments of dues, and shall be considered a Life Member of the Society.

ARTICLE V.

Any person who shall become a member fraudulently, by making a false entry of the time of his arrival within the limits of this colony, shall be expelled from the Society, and shall forfeit any amount he may have paid.

ARTICLE VI.

Every applicant for membership shall be proposed by one member of the Society, who shall present to the Secretary his full name, place of residence, occupation, and the date of his arrival within the colony, all of which the Secretary shall record in a book of registry to be provided for that purpose; and he shall also post the name of such applicant conspicuously in the rooms, the entrance fee having been deposited. Three black balls shall reject a candidate.

ARTICLE VII.

The President shall have power to grant leave of absence to any officer of the Society for a period of not exceeding 2 months, and to appoint some suitable person to perform the duties of such office during his absence, providing that any officer desiring leave of absence shall give the President at least one week's notice thereof.

ARTICLE VIII.

Whenever it shall be notified to the Board of Directors that any officer of the Society, residing in the city, is absent therefrom, and has been absent for a longer period than two months (2), the Board may thereupon declare the office vacant, and appoint some other person to fill the vacancy.

ARTICLE IX.

Each person, when speaking, shall address the Presiding

Officer, and when called to order by him, shall immediately take his seat; but he may appeal from such order, and a majority of the members present may reverse it.

ARTICLE X.

In debate, no member shall be personal in his remarks.

ARTICLE XI.

All motions, if required by the Chair, shall be made in writing, and read by the mover at his seat before offering.

ARTICLE XII.

The Society may elect as honorary members such persons only as shall have rendered distinguished or important services to the Society or to the colony; but no person shall be elected an honorary member who has not at some time resided within the colony.

ARTICLE XIII.

The Board of Directors shall fix the amount, and approve the bonds of the Secretary and Treasurer, which bonds shall be placed in the possession of the President for safe keeping, and shall determine the compensation to be paid to the Secretary.

ARTICLE XIV.

The Board of Directors shall constitute the Auditing Committee, who shall examine all accounts against the Society, and no bill or account shall be paid by the Treasurer unless the same shall have been endorsed, approved and signed by the Chairman of that Committee, nor until it shall have been signed by the President and countersigned by the Secretary.

ARTICLE XV.

In case of the decease or resignation of the President, Secretary or Treasurer of the Society, the Board of Directors shall call a meeting of the Society within thirty days

thereafter, when a successor may be elected to fill the unexpired term of such officer.

ARTICLE XVI.

All real-estate that may be acquired by the Society, and all moneys invested, shall be held in trust for the use of the Society in the name of the President, Secretary and Treasurer, and their successors in office, until such time as the Society shall be incorporated.

ARTICLE XVII.

The President, on the decease of any member in good standing, shall call a meeting of the Society, and the obituary resolutions passed at any such meeting shall be published in one of the daily newspapers of the city of Victoria, and in the papers, if any, published where the deceased resided; and the Secretary shall communicate the proceedings to the family or relatives of the deceased.

ARTICLE XVIII.

When the Board of Directors shall be satisfied that any worthy member of this Society is unable for the time being to pay the monthly dues hereinafter prescribed, it shall have power to remit such dues; but if any member of this Society, having the ability to pay the monthly dues hereinafter prescribed, shall refuse to pay the same, and shall not at the time of such refusal render an excuse that in the opinion of the Board of Directors shall be satisfactory, he shall be debarred from visiting the rooms of the Society; the Secretary shall cause his name to be erased from the roll, and he shall not again be admitted as a member except by an unanimous vote of the Board of Directors, and upon such condition as the Board shall deem fit to impose.

ARTICLE XIX.

Ten members shall constitute a quorum for the trans-

action of ordinary business other than altering the Constitution.

ARTICLE XX.

Three members shall constitute a Visiting Committee, to be appointed by the Chairman. The duty of such Committee shall be to visit all the sick members (when the Board shall consider necessary), and report the nature of such sickness to the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XXI.

The Monthly Meetings of the Society shall be held on the first Wednesday in the month, and at the hour of 8 o'clock, P. M. from 1st April to 1st October, and 7:30 o'clock P. M., from 1st October to 1st April.

ARTICLE XXII.

All members shall be entitled, after admission, to a certificate showing their membership, authenticated by the Seal of the Association, and signed by the President and Secretary.

ARTICLE XXIII.

A fine of one dollar shall be imposed on any officer for absence, if such officer cannot give a good excuse.

ARTICLE XXIV.

These By-Laws shall not be amended except by two-third vote at a Regular Monthly Meeting, at which there shall not be less than twenty members present, after due notice of such amendment being given, as is required to amend the Constitution.

Adopted May 2, 1871.

JOHN DICKSON,

President.

EDGAR FAWCETT,

Secretary.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. Roll Call.
2. Reading of Minutes of Last Meeting.
2. Presentation of Communications.
4. Election to Fill Vacancies.
5. Nomination of Candidates for Membership.
6. Ballot for Candidates for Membership.
7. Reports of Officers.
8. Reports of Committees.
9. Unfinished Business.
10. Miscellaneous Business.

Approved May 2, 1871.

FORME OF APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

To the President, Officers and Members of the British
Columbia Pioneer Society :

GENTLEMEN,—I hereby propose for a Member of this
Society Mr.....
he arrived in the year.....

Proposed by

Date.....

The Entrance Fee (of \$5) must accompany this Application.

LIST OF OFFICERS AND CHARTER MEMBERS
OF THE
BRITISH COLUMBIA PIONEER SOCIETY.

ORGANIZED APRIL 28, 1871.



JOHN DICKSON, President.

DIRECTORS :

JULIS RUEFF, Vice-President,
EDGAR FAWCETT, Secretary,
E. GRANCINI, Treasurer,
WM. P. SAYWARD,
ALEX. YOUNG,
H. E. WILBY,
S. DRIARD.



LIST OF CHARTER MEMBERS :

Thomas Harris,
R. J. McDonell,
Robert H. Austen,
Alexander Young,
William P. Sayward,
Patrick McTiernan,
William Gardner,
Henry E. Wilby,
Jules Rueff,
E. Grancini,
Alfred C. Elliott,
Honore Passerard,

Robert Ridley,
Edgar Fawcett,
Felix Leslouis,
S. Driard,
James Wilcox,
William Spence,
John Dickson,
James Lowe,
Francis Campbell,
Thos. Lett Stahlschmidt,
Robert Burnaby,
J. B. Timmerman.